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INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

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TAGS: OVIP (BAAH, KWAME), PFOR, GH

SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT JFK AIRPORT INVOLVING GHANAIAN COMMISSIONER  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS KWAME BAAH

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM GHANA MISSION CALLING  
ATTENTION TO INCIDENT AT JFK AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 17 INVOLVING  
COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS KWAME BAAH.
2. ACCORDING TO GHANAIS, THEY WERE DENIED ENTRY TO APPROPRIATE  
IMMIGRATION AREA TO GREET LT. COL. BAAH. FURTHER, AN IMMIGRATION  
OFFICER REFUSED TO ALLOW A SENIOR MEMBER OF GHANA MISSION TO  
HELP COMMISSIONER COMPLETE IMMIGRATION FORMS. IN ADDITION,  
GHANA MISSION REPS WERE TREATED IN A VERY DISCOURTEOUS MANNER.
3. USUN IS ASKED IN NOTE VERBALE TO REQUEST IMMIGRATION  
AUTHORITIES TO APOLOGIZE TO COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
GHANA AND MISSION AS A WHOLE, AND TO ENSURE THAT "SUCH GROSS AND  
CONTEMPTUOUS BEHAVIOR" WILL NOT BE REPEATED BY IMMIGRATION  
INSPECTORS INVOLVED OR ANY OTHER INS OFFICIAL.
4. IN OUR VIEW, GHANAIAN PROTEST HAS PROBABLY ARISEN AS A  
RESULT OF A PERSONAL LETTER SENT ON INS STATIONERY BY AN  
IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT JFK AIRPORT TO GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR,  
COMPLAINING ABOUT CONDUCT OF DANIEL KOTEL, SECOND SECRETARY  
OF MISSION ON SEPTEMBER 17 AND ON EARLIER OCCASION. LETTER DOES  
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NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CLEARED WITH ANY INS SENIOR OFFICIAL

BEFORE BEING SENT.

5. WE HAVE REQUESTED A REPORT ON INCIDENT FROM INS DISTRICT  
DIRECTOR IN NEW YORK CITY. COPIES OF GHANA MISSION PROTEST  
AND LETTER FROM INS INSPECTOR ALEXANDER ZEBROSKI HAVE BEEN  
POUCHED TO AMEMBASSY ACCRA AND LOUIS R. HAGE IN IO/UNP.  
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